

KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA
NEPA CONFORMANCE/PLAN CONFORMANCE
RECORD

KCER-99-13

BLM Office: Klamath Falls R.A.

Serial No. OR 54992

Applicant: Fred Robertson

Proposed Action Title/Type: O&C Tram Road Permit

Location of Proposed Action: T. 41 S., R. 5 E. W. M. Section 15 Lots 2, 3, & 4

Description of Proposed Action: Fred Robertson proposes to haul approximately 150 MBF of commercial timber harvested from his private land located in California. Hauling would occur only when the roads are dry to avoid impacts to cultural sites located under the road. To allow Fred Robertson to use existing BLM controlled roads, BLM must issue an O & C Tram Road permit.

Part 1 Plan Conformance Review This proposed action is subject to the Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, approved June 1995. The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3)

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Part 2 NEPA Review

A. Categorical exclusion review. This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 E(16). It has been reviewed to determine if any exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

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B. Existing EA/EIS review. This proposed action is addressed in the following existing BLM EA/EIS: Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan Date Approved: June 1995.

This EA/EIS has been reviewed against the following criteria to determine if it covers the proposed action:

1. The proposed action is a feature of, or is essentially the same as, the alternative selected and analyzed in the existing document.
2. A reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in the existing document.
3. There has been no significant change in circumstances or significant new information germane to the proposed action.
4. The methodology/analytical techniques approach previously used is appropriate for the proposed action.
5. The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action are not significantly different than those identified in the existing document.
6. The proposed action would not change the previous analysis of cumulative impacts.
7. Public involvement in the previous analysis provides appropriate coverage for the proposed action.

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Part 3 Recommendation/Rationale

Recommendation: I recommend that an O&C road permit be granted to Fred Robertson for a period of 6 months, with an option to renew, across T. 41 S., R. 5 E. W. M. Section 15 Lots 2, 3, & 4. The permit should be issued under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732, 1733 and 1740) and the Act of August 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C. 1181a and 1181b). The grant should also be subject to the mitigation measures set forth in the application.

Rationale for Recommendation: The proposed action meets the criteria for categorical exclusion located in 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 E(16), and none of the exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply. Further, the action is in conformance with the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan, Approved June 1995.

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Decision: I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA conformance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks: None

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Categorical Exclusion No. KCER-99-13

The proposed action to issue an O & C tram road permit to Fred Robertson to haul, over existing roads, 150 MBF of commercial timber harvested from his private land in California is designated a categorical exclusion in 516 DM 6 appendix 5.4 E(16). The proposal has been screened and does not meet the criteria for exception under 516 DM 2.3A(3): 1. Health and Safety; 2. Unique Resources; 3. Controversial; 4. Risks; 5. Precedent; 6. Cumulative; 7. Cultural and Historical; 8. Threatened or Endangered Species; 9. Violate Law. Therefore, no further environmental analysis is required.

/s./ Teresa Raml
Teresa A. Raml
Field Manager

5/18/99
Date